

# KWMS Panther Paws

March 15th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

When you hear the word “March Madness” most people think of Basketball however, here at KWMS, “March Madness” has a whole different meaning. For the students and staff of Kenyon Woods, March brings us “FINE ARTS MADNESS”! For the past month our students have had a chance to shine in so many different ways! There have been concerts, festivals, and art shows each week during March. We have also had students perform in our school play and now they have the opportunity to audition for the Talent Show. I know I have said this before, one of my favorite parts of my job is to see our students showcase their talents in so many different ways. These are just so many ways for our students to show off their skills and get involved. A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers who spent countless hours working with our students and providing them with these awesome experiences. At Kenyon Woods, we do make DREAMS come true!



With gratitude and warmest wishes,

Lisa Olsem ~ Principals

**¡Somos Kenyon Woods y soñamos en grande!  
WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG**

**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also  
BELIEVE!  
~ Anatole France**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PANTHERS!**



A HUGE Panther SHOUT OUT to two of our Panthers who placed in the Illinois Kids Wrestling State Tournament this last weekend. Declan Radke took 3rd in his weight class and Allison Garbez took 1st in her weight class. Way to go PANTHERS!

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## NO SCHOOL REMINDERS

Here are a couple of important calendar reminders: Tuesday, March 19, is Election Day, and many U-46 buildings are used as polling places. Therefore, there will be no classes for students on March 19, although U-46 offices will be open.

Then, the spring recess will begin on Monday, March 25 and last through Monday, April 1. We'll welcome our students back to classrooms on Tuesday, April 2.

It's very important that students attend classes on Monday, March 18, and the rest of the week after Election Day. In fact, it's important that students are in school and on time to class every day, right up until the end of the school year. Regular attendance is an important factor in student achievement. The effects of time lost in the classroom build up one absence at a time. Please help make school attendance a priority in your family!

Find calendars for this school year as well as 2024-25 at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u-46.org/calendar).



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

Congrats to all the Students of the Month!!! Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.

**They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.**

**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the  
Students of the Month for March!!**

**Christopher Aguilar  
Justin Phan  
Gabiella Kozyra  
Marston Chanthalangsy  
Sarah Gutierrez  
Lily Patel**

Maria Vazquez  
Daniel Gilson  
Isabella Volfovich  
Eron Caravaku  
Annabelle Porten  
Connor Froman

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS!

Congratulations to all U-46 Middle School Choir Students! We had a fantastic district festival on Monday and your directors are so proud of you!



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## HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED

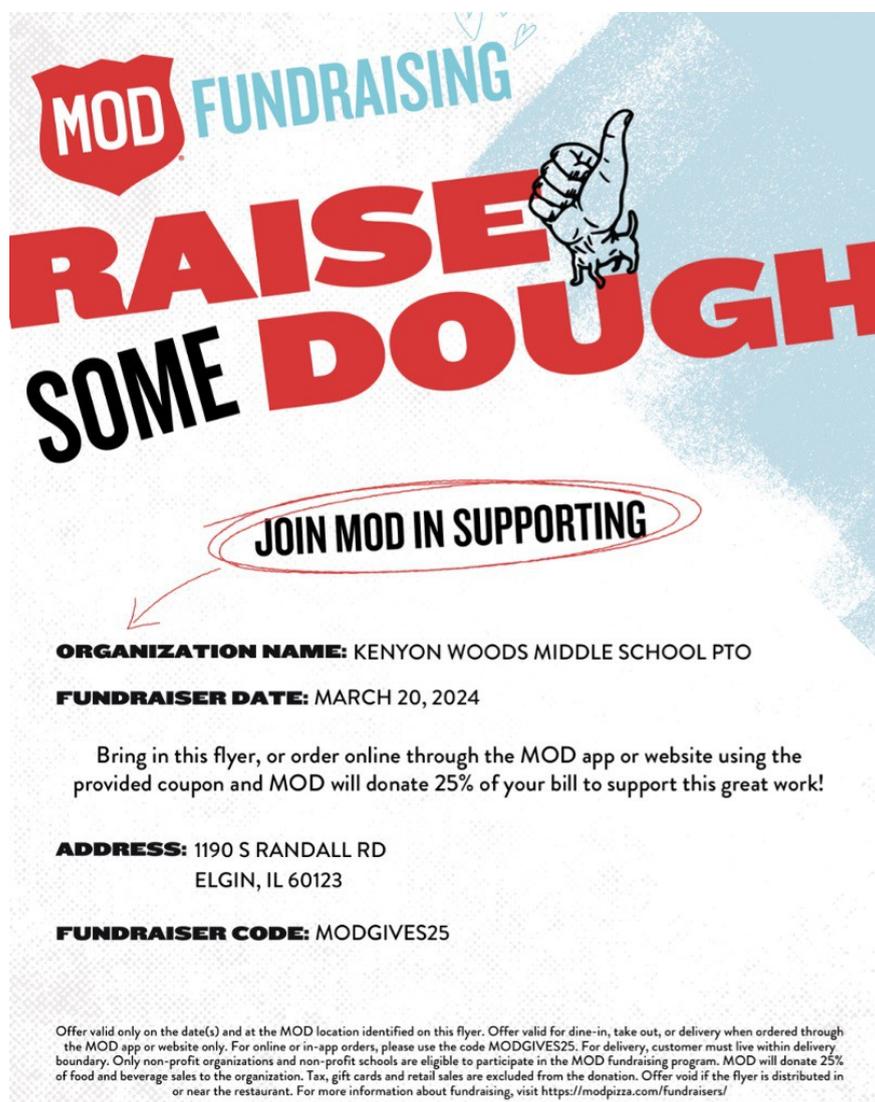
Dear Parents and Guardians, I have been getting requests for hygienic type items for our students. I am hoping to get some donations of these items to make available to our students in need. If you are able to support this please have your students drop them off in my room G203 (Mrs. Dellis - Health room) or drop them in the main office with my name on them. I sincerely appreciate any help you can provide!

**Items in need:**  
Deodorants

Toothbrushes  
Travel toothpaste  
Travel Mouthwash  
Chapstick  
Hair Elastics  
Or any other Hygienic Type Items

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## NO COOK NIGHT - MOD PIZZA



The flyer features the MOD logo in a red shield, the word 'FUNDRAISING' in blue, and the phrase 'RAISE SOME DOUGH' in large red letters with a hand-drawn fist holding a pizza slice. A red oval highlights the text 'JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING', with an arrow pointing to the organization name below.

**MOD FUNDRAISING**  
**RAISE SOME DOUGH**

**JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING**

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

**FUNDRAISER DATE:** MARCH 20, 2024

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website using the provided coupon and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

**ADDRESS:** 1190 S RANDALL RD  
ELGIN, IL 60123

**FUNDRAISER CODE:** MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code MODGIVES25. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

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### IMPORTANT DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW!

- March 15th** - End of the 3rd Quarter
- March 23** - April 1st - Spring Break
- April 9th - 11th** - Illinois Assessment of Readiness - Whole School Testing
- May 2nd** - 8th Grade Dance
- May 24th** - 8th Grade Trip - Main Event
- May 29th** - 8th Grade Recognition
- May 30th** - Last day of School

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## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



At Kenyon Woods MS, all voices matter, and this month, we're looking for students to tell us what it's really like to be a student in our school and how welcome, included, and represented they feel. During the school day, students will be asked to fill out the Student Equity and Inclusion Survey. All replies are completely confidential, and we're just looking for students to give thoughtful honest answers. Find more details at [u-46.org/studentequitysurvey](https://u-46.org/studentequitysurvey). #U46EquityMatters #WeAreU46

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**TALENT SHOW**  
GOT TALENT?  
**AUDITIONS**

**PRIZES FOR TOP WINNERS**

<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>	MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS, RAPPERS, ACTORS, COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS, ETC.
<b>WHERE</b>	KENYON WOODS ROOM A105
<b>AUDITIONS</b>	MARCH 20TH & 21ST 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

**TALENT SHOW: APRIL 25TH 6-8 PM**

The poster is a vertical rectangle with a teal background and yellow accents. At the top, the words "TALENT SHOW" are written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, "GOT TALENT?" is in smaller white letters, and "AUDITIONS" is in large, bold, white letters. A yellow circle on the left contains the text "PRIZES FOR TOP WINNERS". Below this, there are three rows of information separated by a vertical yellow line. The first row is "OPEN TO ALL" followed by "MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS, RAPPERS, ACTORS, COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS, ETC.". The second row is "WHERE" followed by "KENYON WOODS ROOM A105". The third row is "AUDITIONS" followed by "MARCH 20TH & 21ST 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM". At the bottom, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "TALENT SHOW: APRIL 25TH 6-8 PM".



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## DRESS FOR SUCCESS

As the warm weather seems to be here to stay, I just want to remind everyone of the Dress Guidelines for school.

Students can choose clothing that makes them feel comfortable and safe, as long as it complies with the following guidelines:

1. Does not depict any violence, hatred, drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation, profanity, sexual, phobic language or cruelty of any kind
  2. **Covers all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and sides (both male and female) and butt/pelvic/upper thigh areas.**
  3. **Items such as tank tops, sleeveless shirts, any type of shorts, coats, jackets, etc. are all allowed provided they adhere to #2 of this Section. (Low backs are not a problem)**
  4. Jewelry is allowed, unless it becomes a safety concern.
  5. Hats, hoods, and other types of head coverings are not allowed unless required for religious or medical purposes.
  6. Footwear must be worn for health reasons (cannot go shoeless). Due to safety concerns, Flip Flops and Slides are not to be worn in school.
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**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Bear Family McDonald's**

453 Redington Dr., South Elgin, IL



**Stop by to meet your local police officers and receive a complimentary Ice Cream Cone!**

Cone with a Cop is an opportunity for the public to meet with officers in a comfortable environment and talk about any subject — from crime trends to neighborhood nuisance issues, public safety management, or how to join our team. Meet us under the arches with your questions and enjoy an ice cream cone with us!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
FOR SUMMER AND  
SCHOOL YEAR 24-25!



SAFE & FUN PLACES | LIFE-ENHANCING PROGRAMS | CARING MENTORS



### Low to No Cost Youth Programs

#### South Elgin Clubhouse

735 Martin Drive in South Elgin

**Youth Served:** K-8th SY | Rising 1st-6th Summer

**Days:** Monday to Friday

**School Year Hours:** 7:00 - 8:30 A.M. | 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.

**Summer Hours:** 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

[www.bgcelgin.org](http://www.bgcelgin.org) | 847.608.5017

## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Lots of new projects this week! Art 3 students finished their *Clay Creature Eyes*. They used Sculpey Clay and their imaginations to create wonderful 3-D mini sculptures. Here are two from **Samantha Krueger** and **Kyleigh Karikitan**:



SAMANTHA  
KRUEGER



KYLEIGH  
KARIKITAN

Next up are some new *Mechanical Animal* illustrations from Art 2 classes. They merged the natural world of animals with the industrial world of mechanical parts, just like they merged pen & ink drawing with watercolor painting to enhance their work. They really exercised their imaginations! Here are some truly unique examples from **Cora Benco**, **Bella Brown** and **Lily Piemonte**.



## MASSIVE SPRING SALE UNDERWAY Free Shipping over \$60

The Kenyon Woods Spring Sale has begun! Save 25% sitewide including new [Nike Dri-Fit tees!](#) There is also **free shipping** on all orders over \$60. [Shop Now.](#)

**KENYON WOODS**  
OFFICIAL ONLINE STORE

**1ST PLACE Spiritwear**

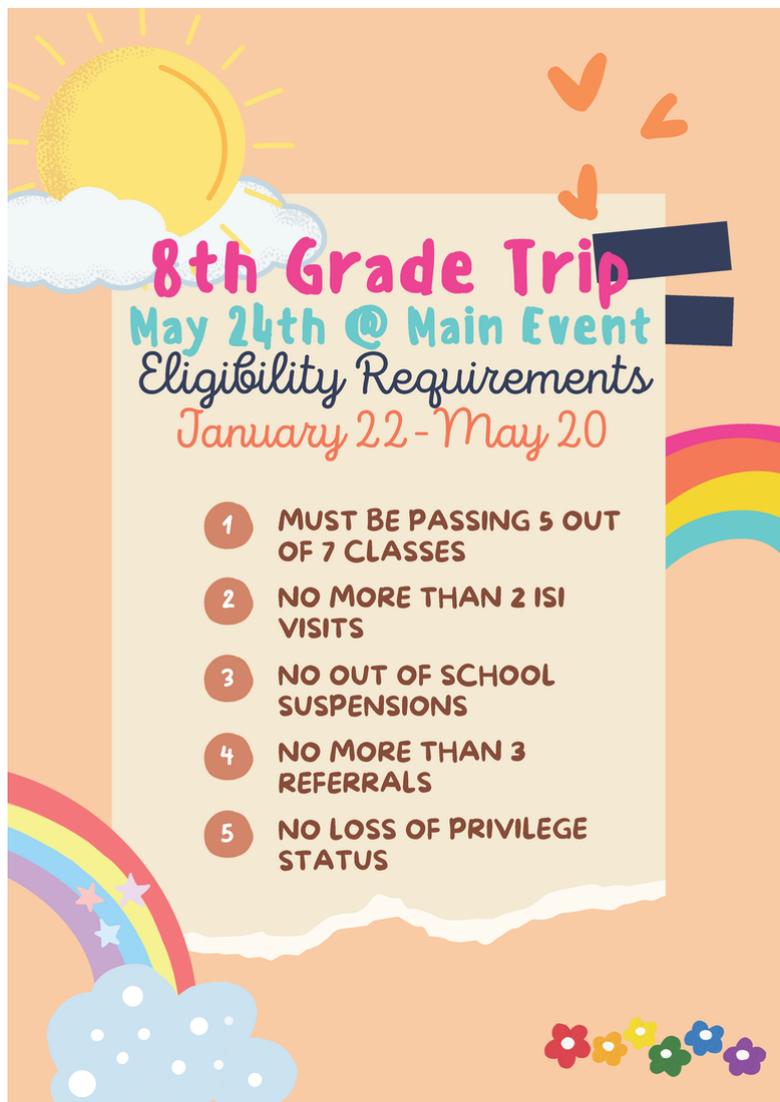
**Spring SALE 25% OFF**

**Lucky 5% BONUS SAVINGS**  
WITH CODE: **LUCKY5**

ORDER AT [1STPLACE.SALE/33326](https://1stplace.sale/33326)  
**HURRY! SALE ENDS MARCH 26TH**

SCAN HERE TO ORDER

The advertisement features a collection of Kenyon Woods Panther apparel: a grey and black raglan t-shirt with 'KENYON WOODS' and 'PANTHERS' text; a tie-dye t-shirt with 'KENYON WOODS PANTHERS'; a dark blue polo shirt with 'KENYON WOODS'; a dark blue t-shirt with 'KENYON WOODS PANTHERS'; a dark blue drawstring bag with 'Kenyon Woods PANTHERS'; a grey baseball cap with a panther logo; and dark blue shorts with 'PANTHERS' on the leg.



[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU](#)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 3/16/24 - Middle School Band Festival
- 3/18/24 - Boys Volleyball vs. Ellis @ Home
- 3/20/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Kimball @ Away
- 3/22/24 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/23 - 4/1 - Spring Recess
- 4/3/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Larsen @ Away
- 4/4/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Abbott @ Home
- 4/8/24 - Solar Eclipse - 2:00 pm
- 4/9 - 4/11 - IAR Testing
- 4/8/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview @ Away
- 4/10/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Home
- 4/15/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Away
- 4/16/24 - AVID Gallery Walk - 4 pm
- 4/17/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview @ Home

- 4/22/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Away
- 4/24/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Home
- 5/2/24 - 8th Grade Dance - 6 pm
- 5/8/24 - Orchestra Concert
- 5/9/24 - Chorus Concert
- 5/15/24 - Band Concert
- 5/24/24 - 8th Grade Trip to Main Event
- 5/29/24 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm

**Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters**



**Kenyon Woods Middle School**

**Website:** <https://www.u-46.org/KenyonWoods>

**Location:** 1515 Raymond Street, South Elgin, IL, USA

**Phone:** 847-289-6685

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**Attendance line:** 847-289-6685 Ext: 6654



**Lisa Olsem**

Lisa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters